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WEATHER BULLETIN.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—For lower Michigan—Warmer, southerly winds; local thunder showers and light rains on Friday; on Saturday cooler, westerly winds and fair.

OUR FURNITURE FACTORIES.
Several local furniture manufacturers have taken steps to limit their output during the remainder of this month. August is a dull month in the business world. This year, an unfavorable season in July, has adversely affected furniture-making and as a consequence the orders have not been numerous. The continued unfavorable condition of the money market has weakened the confidence of manufacturers in their ability to carry large surplus stocks of manufactured goods until the market is improved and they will be able to realize on sales. The amount of money required to operate the larger factories is enormous and while their credit is good and resources abundant they cannot secure bank accommodation for the uncertain period intervening between now and the time when sales will be free and active. For these and other obvious reasons the manufacturers as a matter of self-protection are curtailing their expense accounts. There is no general closing down of the factories. The employees understand the necessity for economy and retrenchment and willingly accept the terms generously imposed by their employers. If the manufacturers were selfishly mindful of their own pecuniary interests not a wheel would be turned until times are improved. On the contrary they are manifesting an unselfish regard for their employees by affording employment at wages, somewhat reduced, sufficient to keep the grocer's books squared. In a few weeks every factory will be running on full time.

LARRY AND PLATFORM.

Larry Neal is the democrat candidate for governor of Ohio. He was nominated on the first ballot in the state convention at Cincinnati yesterday. He is an exponent of English free-trade radicalism. Unlike many milk-and-water democrats he is a free trader pure and simple. In his opinion protection is the quintessence of paternalism, naked, and armed with a prosperity-destroying blunderbuss. Larry is therefore an easy mark for McKinley. The platform adopted bears the earmarks of cowardice. Wednesday evening the free cottage men in committee passed a resolution condemning Cleveland's message. Yesterday's convention passed resolutions commending it. Did Tom Johnson and ex-Governor Campbell apply the patronage screw, or were the delegates too cowardly to give expression to their views? Possibly both. The platform is an incongruous and inconsistent declaration of principles. In one paragraph it steals the Chicago platform and in the next glorifies Cleveland and his anti-silver message. In one breath it demands that the tariff shall be reduced to conform as nearly as possible with English free trade, and in the next forbids that foreign financial systems shall be made a basis for our English free trade is good; English money is bad.

The most strikingly incendiary part of the platform is that devoted to the causes for existing depression. After the democrat newspapers of the country had united in declaring that the hard times are in no regard the product of politics, the democrat delegates in the Ohio convention resolve that politics has all to do with it. Thus an unbecoming issue is sprung upon the people. The democrats will get much the worst of it. In politics the Present is much more convincing than the Past. If Ohio democrats can get out from under their assembly partisan and unpatriotic platform in time to escape the avalanche of McKinley votes they may thank their lucky stars. The platform will defeat them without another word being said.

UNFRIENDLY CRITIC.

Our race meeting is an experimental affair and not a half-dogged enterprise by any means. Last season's experience was one of disaster to the pocket books of the enthusiastic lovers of equine speed and endurance. This year's meeting was projected on a self-sustaining basis. The races are not advertised as sensational exhibitions of speed, but as affairs, and honest contests between high bred animals owned by gentlemen and driven by reliable drivers. Complaint is made in some quarters that the meeting has been poorly advertised, and that the absence of sensational performance detracts from the quality of the sport. To the first complaint no answer is necessary. Every houseman who would be seen was fully advised of the meeting through the columns of home-town papers. The meeting has been

extensively noticed in the local press and state exchanges. It has not been lavishly advertised, but everybody interested in horse-racing knows when and where the August meeting of the Driving Club is held. The absence of the great race horses is no doubt disappointing to those who like to enjoy the sport at somebody else's expense. Last year's experience is abundant to govern the wisely ordered arrangement for this year's meeting. In view of the premises it will become anybody having the best interests of the city, and the success of the Driving Club, at heart, to offer unfriendly criticism and discourage attendance upon the races.

GOT THEIR CHANGE.

Ever since the republican party elected Grant the democrats have persistently demanded a "change." Nine years ago, through a succession of inexplicably exasperating campaign roosterbacks, the greatest American of his times was defeated by an Obese Discovery who was then governor of New York. He was without experience in national affairs, never having held a legislative office in his life. Under the illusive cry of "Let Us Have a Change" he squeezed into the presidential chair by an unprecedentedly meagre plurality in his own state. The machinery of government was in splendid condition. Sagacious administration of affairs by republicans had reduced all departments of state to frictionless action. The Obese Discovery from New York could not err in executing the laws, because all the ramifications of government were practically automatic. The government would operate itself. In four years he managed to unsettle and disturb the regular movements of the great governmental dynamo. Soon everything was confused and conflicting. The people saw that four years more of such administration would wreck their cherished institutions and disgrace the nation. The Obese Discovery from New York was thereupon retired and General Harrison put in his place. Out of a democrat chaos he began to restore harmony. The work was delicate, requiring consummate tact and wide knowledge of men and measures. The seed sown by its predecessor would germinate and sprout up at every turn and it required unceasing vigilance to keep the tares from crowding out the wheat. Just as the remedies began to shape the course of government toward its former haven of safety the country was again called upon to make choice of a chief magistrate. The old campaign decoy, "Let Us Have a Change" was set to every democrat speech and to the music of every democrat brass band. The workmen were deceived by it and the farmers stampeded for it. General Harrison was defeated. The Obese Discovery was elected. The "change" was vouchsafed. The "change" is now here. How do the democrats and the workmen and the farmers like it?

If there is a member of the present congress whose ideas on silver are confused and incomplete, after all the discussion, he ought to resign his seat and go home to attend primary school. In spite of the pressing necessity for immediate action on the silver bill the leaders in congress are preparing for a wearisome two weeks' debate. There is no justification whatever for such a dreary waste of wind. Let Bland and Cockran talk for two hours and then let a vote be had. After that remedial legislation may profitably consume a week's earnest debate. To inflict a two weeks' debate on the silver question in this sweltering weather after every intelligent organized body has demanded immediate action, will be little short of an unmitigated outrage upon a long-suffering people.

Three unknown men assailed a man in the southern part of the city last evening and rifled his pockets. They then made good their escape. It was too dark at the point where the assault was made to distinguish a man's countenance, and yet we are told that the lower lights transform night into day.

Tomorrow will be "Ladies' Day" at the races. The women are always enthusiastic when music and endurance are put to the test, and there will probably be a large turnout at Comstock park tomorrow.

SPEAKER CRISP has appointed Reed and Burrows members of the house committee on rules. They will be able to give the democrat members valuable pointers on how to make rules that rule.

TIMES are pretty hard, but \$18,000 was deposited in the pool boxes on today's races last evening. The sporting fraternity is "keyed up" to a pretty high pitch notwithstanding the stringency.

COMPETITION is certainly the life of business. Two Albany coroners entered the house of a man who had been fatally injured in a railroad accident and fought to a flesh over his despatch.

"Whisky on the outflow again," is the headline over a Peoria dispatch in a Chicago paper. But it is the inflow of whisky which makes the distillery business profitable.

LARRY NEAL will be the most thoroughly whist campaigner for governor of Ohio that ever stood up to be knocked down by intelligent voters.

EXTREMES ought to have another name. His two recent performances clearly entitle him to be classed as a Spanner Gaff.

REPUBLICAN newspapers are quite agreed that the president's message is praiseworthy in one respect—it is short.

MEXICO has a standing army twice the size of the United States'. But Mexico has no Governor Wain.

What do the silver men want? Principally, their own weight.

HE SHOT HIS CHILD

Hungarian Father's Terrible Crime in a Fit of Despond.

HE WAS CRAZED BY DRINK

Plunged a Knife into Lena's Temple and Put a Bullet into Her Brain, Shot and Stabbed Himself.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 10.—A terrible crime was committed in this city tonight. Simon Serger, a Hungarian, 32 years of age, in a fit of despondency and crazed by drink, tried to kill his 3-year-old daughter Lena and then to take his own life. He had a quarrel with his wife and step-children and drove them from the house. He took little Lena to a vacant lot, and drawing a cheap knife with a blade four inches long, plunged it into her left temple. He then shot her in the right temple, the bullet entering her brain. He then stabbed himself twice in the left breast and fired a bullet near the same place. The child's wounds are pronounced fatal, but Serger will live.

The little girl Lena died at 1 o'clock this morning.

HOTEL CHATS.

In spite of the good races at the Comstock track, there has been an element lacking to make the meeting a success. The despondency was discovered yesterday. It was Sam Pierson of Iowa, who hasn't missed a horse race before since horses first began to trot and pace. But he's here now and doesn't intend to let anything get away from him until the last heat in the last race is finished and the horses have been taken to the barn.

Leslie H. Holmes and Lester H. Holmes of Albany are guests at the Morton. They are in the city buying furniture. The brothers are twins, but they easily depart from the historic and highly honorable custom. Neither is ever mistaken for the other, and they do not resemble each other in personal appearance more than members of the same family usually do.

L. McKnight Sellers, the versatile editor of the Cedar Springs Clipper and the balance wheel to the Western Michigan Press association, scattered his signature over the register of the New Livingston yesterday, and inquired the shortest route to the race track.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. A. Pritchard of St. Louis, Mo., and Mr. D. M. Hough of Philadelphia dined in the New Livingston from their way home from Charlevoix.

J. A. Van Dorn of Cleveland, who has been awarded the contract for remodeling the new county jail, is a guest in the Morton.

George E. Sherman and Joseph Volmer of Lilley are registered in the Morton. They are in the city to see the races.

John Street of Reed City, formerly landlord of the Northern Hotel in Big Rapids, is registered in the Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Heath, Mrs. Whiteheart and C. J. Graham of Ithaca are guests in the New Livingston.

Judge J. G. Ramsdell of Traverse City is registered in the Morton.

MORRIS—George H. Hammond, Ypsilanti; Henry Hayden, Jackson; John H. Loud, Frank McKivich, Saginaw; E. Teichner, Northville; E. R. Chandler, Frankfort; Christ Wilhelm, Sturgis.

SWEEPSTAKES—F. Taylor, Cadillac; H. A. Kerr, Kalamazoo; C. B. Lovejoy, Big Rapids; John S. Peters, Farmville; Mrs. L. E. Wells, Mrs. G. B. Wells, Rockford.

NEW LIVINGSTON—G. F. Cook, Sud Lake; L. C. Lincoln, Big Rapids; Charles Machiver, Plainwell; H. A. Wolf, Muskegon; C. R. Hine, Lowell; L. M. Sellers, Frank M. Fuller, Cedar Springs.

EAGLE—J. H. Barclay, Allegan; J. B. Martin, Traverse City; E. E. Hewitt, Rockford; S. F. Kennedy, Lakeview; E. M. Colson, Kalamazoo; A. E. Smith, Cadillac; C. B. Cannan, West Branch.

KEY—W. R. Cook, Hastings; J. O. D. Kent, Holland; F. E. Hamilton, Reed City; George Field, Lansing; H. Kitchell, Coldwater; W. R. Grant, Lyons.

BRIDGE STREET—Thomas Donatton, Lowell; M. A. Durkee, Wayland; D. Van Eenennaam, Zeeland; C. S. Parks, Kent City; Frank Taylor, Lowell; Ella Calver, Newaygo; W. E. Gordon, Sullivan.

CLEVELAND—B. J. Lowrey, Howard City; S. Hunting, Rockford; Miss May Ogden, Sparta; Gus A. Sooy, Bradley; E. H. Sooy, J. W. Sooy, Wayland; W. D. G. Quigley, Rockford.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Rev. O. Carry Willett, pastor of the Baptist church at Fowlerville, has been granted the degree of doctor of philosophy by the National university of Chicago.

Prof. F. W. McNair of the Agricultural college has resigned to accept the professorship of mathematics at the mining school at Houghton, at a salary of \$2,000.

The Allegan County Women's Christian Temperance union will meet in the Plainwell Methodist church Wednesday and Thursday, August 30 and 31.

The residents of Anala, Monroe county, are considerably excited over a flow of gas struck in a new well about forty feet from the surface.

Forest fires are doing great damage in Alpena county, and the people of Alpena have had to fight to keep the flames from reaching that city.

The boy choir of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Chicago, is holding its annual encampment of two weeks at Forest Hill, Diamond lakes.

Marcebos of the southwestern section of the state held a big picnic at the Blue Lake, near Hillsdale, Wednesday.

Chris Kierchner of Kalamazoo drove \$100 from a bank by the time the thieves got through with him he had \$75 left.

Two Negroes ladies took three trout weighing four and three-quarters pounds from Warner's creek on Monday.

LARRY NEAL GETS IT

He is Nominated for Governor of the Buckeye State

WITHOUT SERIOUS OPPOSITION

Balance of the Ticket Nearly Selected. The Platform a Compromise Between Nothing and Nobody.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 10.—The democrat state convention was to have been called to order at 9 o'clock this morning in Music hall, but after that hour the delegates came in so slowly that at 9:30 not over one-half of them were in their seats. Then they came more rapidly, and after the band at the far end of the hall and the organ at the back of the stage had taken turns at entertaining each delegate as he had arrived Chairman Critie gave three blows with his gavel, and the convention was on.

In a few words the chairman introduced the Rev. George A. Thayer, who delivered a brief prayer, and at its conclusion Chairman Critie made his first formal address of the day.

When he concluded he introduced Gilbert Bargar as temporary, who made a lengthy speech on currency and the tariff.

At the conclusion of Mr. Bargar's address the committee on credentials reported. The only contest of any consequence was that from Chillicothe, where Neal's delegation had been attacked. The committee reported in favor of seating Neal's men, and the defeating outburst which followed it was the first real indication of Neal's strength, and it showed up in great shape, over 300 delegates springing to their feet and yelling loud and long for the man from Chillicothe.

The committee on permanent organization reported in favor of making the temporary organization permanent, which was done.

What the Platform Contains.

A platform was next in order and the following compromise was adopted:

We hereby approve the platform of the democrat party adopted by the national convention at Chicago, and especially those portions of it referring to the tariff and to currency legislation. We congratulate the country upon the early prospect of measures of relief, as outlined by the president's late message to congress, and we have confidence that the democrat congress will devote laws to furnish such relief.

The financial situation is the unfortunate legacy of the republican administration. It is the natural result of the McKinley tariff, the Sherman silver law, extravagance of the republican party recently in power and the creation and fostering of trusts and corrupt combinations by that party, all combining to shake credit, to create distrust in the money of the country and to paralyze its business.

We recommend that national banks may be permitted to issue their currency to an amount equal to the par value of United States bonds which they may deposit with the treasurer of the United States and that the volume of currency may be immediately increased.

The interest of every true soldier and pensioner demands that the pension roll should be made and preserved as a roll of honor. We believe in a just and liberal recognition of the valor of the veteran, and favor granting them all that patriotism could ask, all that national gratitude would demand.

But the granting of pensions on fraudulent claims or for political purposes, or the allowance of any pensioner shall not be disturbed.

We condemn the unbusinesslike administration of state affairs under Governor McKinley, deplore the official scandals and defalcations under it, and denounce the continuing official crimes which have brought humiliation upon our people. We denounce the reckless extravagance of the large majority in the Seventeenth general assembly, which appropriated for the current expenses about \$600,000 in excess of the current revenues and added about \$300,000 to the local bonded indebtedness of the state by laws in the main unconstitutional. We demand that an end be put to such robbery of the taxpayer.

The democratic party expresses its confidence in the ability of the Hon. Calvin S. Brier of the United States senate to materially assist the democratic majority in the congress of the United States to extricate the great commercial interests of the country from their present distressed condition.

The country has abiding faith in the integrity, patriotism and exalted courage of President Cleveland. True to the people and watchful of their interests, he will enforce honest and economical methods in the conduct of public affairs and secure to every section of the country the blessing of good government.

LARRY NEAL Nominated.

The Hon. Lawrence T. Neal of Chillicothe was nominated for governor on the first ballot. The Hon. William Taylor of Columbus was nominated by acclamation for lieutenant governor. The remainder of the ticket: John V. Sater of Darke county, judge of the supreme court; Lewis B. Wilhelm, Akron, member of the board of public works; R. C. Hisekumb, Coshocton, state treasurer; John P. Bailey, Putnam county, attorney general; F. L. McKown, Cincinnati, food and dairy commissioner. The convention has adjourned.

Speaking of the nomination, Mr. Neal said this evening: "I regard the nomination of Mr. McKinley and myself as a declaration of the two political parties of Ohio that the tariff issue must be fought to a finish. Political death to McKinley and McKinleyism—that is the issue. The president has declared that this issue must be dealt with in the near future, and upon that declaration and against the high priest of high tariff the voters of Ohio are invited to pass a verdict. At the same time state issues will not be lost sight of. The democracy must work out its own salvation in this campaign. The republican party cannot depend upon past majorities to carry it through this contest, for present conditions appeal directly to the intelligence and hard common sense of the laboring and industrial classes."

Disturbed a Wedding Party. Patrolman Whitecomb arrested Jacob Bitana and John Williams on a warrant last night for disorderly conduct. The boys are charged with visiting the residence of Mrs. Berg at No. 473 Grandville avenue last Tuesday night while a marriage celebration was in progress and creating a disturbance. A complaint was made by Yabrandus Berg, who says the boys went to the residence with others and demanded money with which to buy beer and cigars, and upon being refused pounded the house with clubs and threw stones against it. Henry Kurpura, one of the guests, was hit with a stone and so badly injured that he has been confined to his bed since. The prisoners were released on bail.

Recalcitrant Teuton (to waiter)—Wie geht's? (Hasty waiter (yelling toward the kitchen)—Wheat cakes! S. T.—Neal Nuts.

H. W.—You'll be lucky if you get three.—Newport News.

"Why did everybody laugh so long over that story of old Ben's?" It wasn't a bit funny.

"They were afraid he would tell another if they kept quiet."—Vogue.

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THE UNEXPECTED HAPPENS

A Most Powerful Incentive for Brisk Trading in Grand Rapids This Week.

Our Whole Line of Men's Light Suits Will Be Sold at a Discount of 33 1/3 Per Cent.

We are determined that the six days closing Saturday, August 12, 1903, shall possess stronger incentives for Michigan men to invest in a Suit of Clothes than at any previous time or by any clothing house.

This means that for every good round dollar in value you pay but 66 2/3 cents. How does that suit you, gentlemen?

Isn't a \$6.00 Suit for \$4.00 low enough?

Isn't a \$8.00 Suit for \$5.34 low enough?

Isn't a \$10 Suit for \$6.67 low enough?

Isn't a \$12 Suit for \$8.00 low enough?

Isn't a \$14 Suit for \$9.33 low enough?

Every Silver Dollar Has Just as Much Purchasing Power During This Golden Opportunity as That Other Metal.

Now, men of the cloth, business men, professional and workingmen, let's see you before the week is out at the store of

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WE HAVE READ THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

And must confess we are a little disappointed in it. There is quite a good deal about the silver bill, a little about the tariff, but not one word about our

Shot Guns

So we suppose we have to say something about them ourselves, especially as the season for shooting woodcock

OPENS AUGUST 15.

We have never before been as well situated as regards Sportsman's supplies, as we are today as a glance at the list we carry will show you. We have

NEW BAKER SHOT GUNS,

WINCHESTER SHOT GUNS,

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ITHACA SHOT GUNS,

LEFANCHEUX ACTION, TOP AND SIDE ACTION GUNS,

SINGLE AND DOUBLE BARRELED GUNS,

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